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School Board Receives

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plans to 1) sponsor a swine field day, 2) sponsor a citrus fruit sale, 3) develop a children's park at Pamplin, 4) have five teams in state competition and 5) promote safety.

Representing the National Honor Society was president, David Caldwell, and the two sponsors, Mrs. Emilia Racer and Mrs. Mary G. Turner. David discussed the criteria for admission to the Honor Society which are 1) an overall grade point average of 3.25 or better computed from eighth grade through the end of sophomore year, 2) evidence of leadership ability, 3) evidence of service to the school and community, and 4) evidence of good character.

Activities of the organization for this year include participation in Klassroom Kwiz, sponsorship of a dance for the ACHS student body, responsibility for an assembly program at which time new members will be tapped into the organization, sponsorship of a school beautification week and assistance to a foster family at Christmas.

In other business the board received a report from the superintendent that an energy audit of the Appomattox Middle School is in progress. The purpose of the audit is to determine ways to conserve energy and to qualify for federal funds to make improvements to the facility which will result in substantial reductions in the use of energy.

The school board reviewed the Standards of Quality adopted by the State Board of Education for the biennium 1980-82. Standards are established in 1) basic skills, 2) testing and measurement, 3) career preparation, 4) education of handicapped, 5) education of gifted and talented students, 6) alternative education, 7) responsible student conduct, 8) personnel, 9) staff preparation and development, 10) accreditation and school evaluation, 11) planning and public involvement. 12) policy manual 13) individual school management and 14) classroom planning and management.

These standards will be reviewed by the 1980 session of the General Assembly and enacted into law or revised and enacted into law.

In other action the board:
Reviewed the cost of gasoline used by the school system in 1978-79 and projected cost of gasoline for 1979-80. In 1978-79 the cost was $37,177. The projected cost for the current year is $65,389.

Discussed maternity leave policy and instructed the superintendent to work with the teachers in developing a revised policy that is more equitable to all personnel.

Delayed action on the toothkeeper program pending additional information at the next board meeting.

Reviewed the monthly financial statements of the school cafeterias.

Reviewed the September enrollment report. Average daily membership was 2714 and percentage attendance was 95.

Scheduled the next board meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 7. Members will meet at 12:00 noon for lunch and school visitation.

General Soil Map Of Virginia Available

Although detailed soils information is available for only 42 percent of Virginia, much valuable soils information is readily available on a General Soil Map, according to Soil Conservation Service (SCS) State conservationist David N. Grimwood of Richmond. Supplies of the map have just become available.

The General Soil Map shows the major soils, their location, and provides general interpretive information for land users. Such as agriculture, woodland and residential development. Information included in tables on the map indicates the depth of bedrock, (shrink-swell) potential and permeability of the subsoil. The map was prepared by SCS soil scientists in cooperation with Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (VPI&SU) soil scientists.

"Of course, the generalized map does not provide the detail that we obtain with progressive soil surveys," said Grimwood. "There's just no way to get all the details on one map. But many people making land use decisions will find the general map of Virginia useful." A general soil map of Appomattox County is also available and has more detailed soil information for local use.

The General Soil Map shows 88 groupings of the major soils in Virginia. These groupings are color coded to better illustrate physiographic differences. To date, progressive soil surveys have been completed and published for 24 counties in Virginia including neighboring Campbell, Charlotte and Prince Edward Counties. Eleven more counties have been surveyed, but the reports and maps have not yet been published. Survey work is currently underway in 18 counties including Bedford and Pittsylvania Counties.

"Naturally, we want to complete the soil survey in Virginia as soon as possible. There is an urgent and continuing demand for soils data," Grimwood continued.

Appomattox County has been on the priority list for a progressive soil survey for several years. The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Commission, which sets the priorities for mapping, has determined that several other counties have a greater need for a soil survey than Appomattox County. Promotion of the soil survey of Appomattox County is an objective of the Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Consrvation District.

The soil survey program in Virginia is a cooperative effort involving SCS, VPI&SU, the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Commission, other state and fedeal agencies and local governments.

"In addition to working on the county-wide soil surveys," Grimwood said, "we can prepare data for selected sites when needed. For example, if an industrial park is planned, we can help secure data needed to determine soil suitability."

Anyone interested in soils information should contact a local SCS office.

VA Questions And Answers

Editor's Note: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q. - My former wife is still paying premiums on my insurance policy. Must I still keep her as beneficiary or may I name my present wife as beneficiary?

A - You may name your present wife as beneficiary. Although insurance may be kept in force with premiums paid by a third party, the insured retains all rights under the contract. They include changing beneficiaries without knowledge or consent of a prior beneficiary.

Q. - How soon after discharge from service must a veteran apply for a GI home loan?

A - There is no time limit. All veterans who were ever eligible for this program are still eligible.

Q - How long can a veteran go to school under the GI Bill?

A - The maximum is 45 months of full-time attendance. This amount is earned with 18 months or more of military service.

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The Pastor Speaks

The Bible And Daily Living

By Dr. William L. Trimyer

Growing Up In Christ
Lesson for October 21, 1979
Scripture Reference Phil. 3
Focal Passage: Phil. 3:3-16
Ritual Or Faith?

Paul spent a great deal of emotional energy fighting the forces which sought to maintain or replace ritual as opposed to sheer faith. One such "force" were the Jewish Christians who wanted to mix ritual with faith.

Paul was no stranger to Jewish rituals and rites. He traces his heritage as a Hebrew and as an enemy of the gospel. His personal conversion served to demonstrate how his encounter with Christ turned him from law to grace (acceptance).

Religious symbols and certain rituals provide meaning for many people. Paul's concern is that such does not replace faith and become the sole means of expressing one's faith in God. Symbols and certain "rites" can be meaningful aids to worship and personal meditation. Such things may produce a sense of reverence and awe for the God who accepts us by faith.

When Loss Becomes Gain

Paul chose to give up a great deal of his religious heritage in order to embrace Christ and follow him. This was indeed a radical maneuver on the part of one who had been such a devotee of the Jewish faith. Paul traded the "precious relics" of his past for a way of life that called him to the best of a new grain.

Paul faced the challenge on the Damascus Road and entered a way of life that radically altered his pilgrimage. And it was all a gain for him. He lost in order to win! That's a paradox that is difficult to understand unless one has eyes of faith.

Some persons do not "fall in love" with Christ because they cannot give up certain "treasures." Some cannot stand the threat of losing certain "securities" in order to win. In these days of economic imbalance the cautious stockholder may "feel the ground tremble beneath his feet." Some are feeling compelled to sell out their investment in order to escape total loss. The loss now may be insignificant to the loss they fear to come.

Some of the things we treasure all our lives begin to become not so valuable as we mature. We soon learn to let go of old securities in order to gain some new. The Christian faith causes radical changes, namely we begin to hate the things we used to love, and love the things we used to hate.

To win Christ is to possess him, to be possessed by him, and to have him within. Our moment on the "Damascus Road" causes us to become identified with Christ, becoming a member of his body-a close, intimate, vitally alive union with Christ.

Growth vs Perfection

The Christian Way is not an achievement test; it is a pilgrimage of growth and progress. Paul rebuked those who aspired to become spiritual perfectionists, and he himself refuted any notion that he was perfect. Martin Luther, the Protestant Reformer, said this: "He who is a Christian is no Christian." Ponder that paradox.

Paul uses the image of a runner to share his goals for the high call, namely, the call of Christ. The image of the runner is a popular on these days. The Christian Way is an endurance race without the ingredient of competition. Its a matter of hanging in there and "going the distance."

The movie **"Rocky"** is a heart-warming story of a fighter who trained himself to go the distance. Going the distance was his primary motivation, not a compulsiveness to win. Today we teach children that winning is more important than trying, more important than enjoyment, and that winning is the only worthy crown. What we fail to do is to teach our children how to be good losers, as well as good winners. We overlook the need for helping our young children that trial and error are worthy learning experiences.

So is the Christian Way. We grow as Christians when we experience the wins and the losses, the crown and the thorns, the strengths and the weaknesses, the achievements and the struggles.

Dr. Trimyer is pastor of Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin City, Va.

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AMS F.F.A. Officers Complete Work Program

The Appomattox Middle School FFA officers have just completed developing their program of work for 1979-1980. Presently they are preparing for their first chapter meeting which is planned for October 25. The Middle School chapter is composed of 110 - 8th grade and 97 - 7th grade students. The officers, from left to right, are front row, Chuck Thompson, Historian; Beth Caldwell, Reporter; Karen Stevens, President; Lisa Coleman, Treasurer; A. C. Martin, Sentinel; Back row; Timmy Almond, Chaplain; Todd Scruggs, 1st Vice President; Sarah Simpson, Secretary.

4-H Officers in Mrs. Knight's Class

The 4-H Officers for 1979-80 in Mrs. Christine Knight's Fourth Grade Class at Appomattox Elementary School are pictured above. They are Tracy Woods, president; Roni Johnson, vice-president; Cindy Seamster and Kevin Sheffield, recreational leaders; and Kevin Armentrout, reporter.

New Soil & Water Data Available

"Soil Conservation Service (SCS) personnel in Virginia are being asked to double their efforts to get conservation on the ground to reduce erosion rates on Virginia's farmland," This statement was made by David N. Grimwood, State Conservationist for SCS in Virginia. Grimwood made this request in view of new data gathered by the U. S. Department of Agriculture since 1977.

The new data indicated the national average soil loss on cropland from surface erosion by water is 4.8 tons per acre per year. This figure is about half that of an earlier estimate and one ton less than the average loss reported by SCS 10 years earlier. Virginia's new average soil loss is 6.6 tons per acre per year.

Grimwood continued, "A comparison of erosion rates by land use shows us that Virginia has the eleventh highest rate for cropland, the fifth highest rate for tame pastureland, the seventh highest rate for native pastureland, and the nineteenth highest rate for forestland. These figures show us exactly where our problems are. SCS employees will work with Soil and Water Conservation Districts, cooperators and others to halt this erosion, sedimentation and water pollution in Virginia.

"Virginia landusers are encouraged to participate in soil conservation district activities and other conservation programs to help plan and carry out erosion conservation programs. I hope everyone will accept the challenge to work together in protecting Virginia's natural resources," said Grimwood.

The Robert E. Lee Soil Conservation District and SCS co-sponsored public meetings last year dealing with the numerous conservation problems and concerns. Based on the results of public participation by 68 people at these meetings, protecting our agricultural base from erosion and irreversible land use were revealed to be major concerns. Also, flooding ranked third among 21 major issues. Currently the Robert E. Lee Conservation District is revising its Long Range Plan to reflect the concerns expressed at the public meetings.

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In the Growth Feeder Sale held in Lynchburg October 4 there were 1101 steers weighing 508 pounds that averaged $84.56. The 300-400 weight growth averaged $104.65, which is the highest average of any special sale held in Virginia this fall.

The 600 heifers weighed 459 pounds and averaged $78.39.

This past week steers were off $3.00 and heifers were down $2.75. The demand for heifers is down everywhere. There is little evidence of adding heifers for herd expansion.

Higher interest rates, lack of uncertainty about the economy in general, some lenders promoting cautiousness seemed to be the major factors in buyers applying the brakes to feeder calf prices.

This has been a wet fall. I'm reminded of the fall of 1972 when only 1600 acres of wheat was seeded. We normally seed 2500 plus acres.

As we move into this late planting season there are several things to remember: ideally small grain is planted 1.5 inches deep--the later it gets the deeper we should plant, but never in excess of 3 inches. With the frost in recent days, the soil near the surface gets cold. This says that the soil 2 inches deep is warmer than soil at one inch depth and the seed will germinate faster. The second point to remember is that as the seeding time is delayed, the rate of seeding should be increased. The recommended seeding date for barley is September 20 - October 15, at the rate of 1.5 to 2.0 bushels per acre. Our barley usually weighs about 45 pounds per bushel; if it is seeded at the rate of 90 pounds per acre, for each day after October the rate should be increased by one pound--example, if seeding is delayed until November 1 the rate of seeding should increase from 90 to 106 pounds per acre.

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Warning! Sundangrass, Sorghum-Sudan hybrids or forage sorghums should not be grazed, regardless of stage of maturity, while the plants still show the "water soaked" appearance immediately after being frosted. Once the frozen leaves are dried, the prussic acid level is no longer a problem. However, beware of grazing sorghum fields which have been frosted, dried, and then made regrowth during a late warm period. The new growth is often dangerously high in prussic acid and because it is young and tender, is selected by livestock.

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The 1978-79 summary of forages that were analyzed at the Virginia Tech lab shows that Appomattox producers did an outstanding job. There were 32 samples of corn silage testing 37.6% dry matter and 22.4% crude fiber. This compares with the state average of 3241 samples that averaged 38.9% dry matter and 23.1% crude fiber. Appomattox growers tested 21 samples of hay that had 50.6% TDN and 7.0% Digestible Protein. This compares with 1509 samples in Virginia that averaged 50.4% TDN and 6.5% Digestible Protein.

Appomattox growers are doing a better job each year in improving the quality of forage which is so important to our livestock economy.

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Precipitation:	
Last Week	1.35
This Month	2.87
This Year	47.22

Freedom Fund Rally Sunday Night at 7:30

The 1979 Freedom Fund Rally, sponsored by the Appomattox branch of the NAACP will come to a close this Sunday evening at 7:30 at the Galilee Baptist Church. The Rev. R. Q. Lawing will serve as master of ceremony. The offical welcome and greetings will be given by Mr. George A. Martin, president. Special music will be rendered by the Springfield Baptist Church Junior Choir. The financial report of the contestants will be given by Mrs. Dorothy Stevens, local secretary and the prizes will be presented by Mr. T. A. Chilton, local membership chairman. Mr. Gravely, executive secretary of the State NAACP will deliver the main address. All members, visitors and friends are asked to attend.

The general public is cordially invited to attend the third anniversary of the local Gospel Entertainers this Sunday evening at 3 P.M. at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church. Deacon Calvin Elliott is the director and manager of the group. Several local groups have been invited to take a part.

A very large crowd attended the special musical program held at the Promise Land Baptist Church last Sunday evening at 7 P.M. by the Appomattox Trumpteers. The entire program was enjoyed by all. The pastor of the church led in the devotionals. The offering was in charge of deacons James Pannell and Willia B. Turner which was very good.

The local Appomattox Assembly has announced plans for an anniversary and Recognition Service to be given on the last Sunday evening in November. Mrs. Hannah Rice is in charge of the program arrangements. Please look for future announcements in this column.

Impressive service was held at the Hopewell Shiloh Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The Rev. Raymond H. Turner was in charge and delivered a very helpful and informative message. The Rev. Harrison Kelso assisted in the service. The pastor of the church is on vacation.

The general public is invited to worship in the Galilee Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11 a.m. The Rev. Kelso will be the guest minister.

Impressive service was held at the First Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Johnson delivered the morning sermon. The Rev. Murrary a former pastor and Rev. Lawing were pulpit guests.

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Employees of Appomattox Farm Supply, from left to right, "Weedchopper" Harrup, Lonnie Morris, Ronnie Dawson, and Charles Farrar reap the rewards of a year of hard work.

As a reward for doubling store sales from 1977 to 1978 these fellows earned a fishing trip to Oregon Inlet, Outer Banks, N.C. In the foreground they proudly display their 'catch', a 62 pound white marlin.

Appomattox Mental Health Clinic Staff

Central Virginia Mental Health Satellite Clinics in Appomattox are settled in their new quarters on the lower level of the Appomattox Family Practice Center at the corner of Court and Virginia streets.

The Appomattox Clinic staff includes: back row, left, Mrs. Lois McKenna, office manager; Dr. Carleton Johnson, right, full-time psychologist; front row, left, Dr. Steve Spector, part-time psychologist; right, Dr. Gene G. Goode, psychiatrist, who is part-time. Dr. Terry Johnson, Family Practice Resident was unavailable for the picture.

The clinics are a component program of Central Virginia Mental Health Services operated by the Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services Board of Central Virginia. Two local citizens, Mrs. Virginia Babcock, and Mr. Joseph M. Cobb, Jr. served on the Services Board.

The satellite clinic provides outpatient individual evaluation and treatment with individual, group, and family therapies. It also provides consultation to community agencies upon request.

All persons living in Appomattox County are eligible for services regardless of age, and the ability to pay. Where applicable, fees are set, based on individual circumstances.

ROCKS

A freak snow storm hit here last Wednesday. It appears to have been the first snow of the weather records though. In 1953 it measured 3.5 inches in November which stands. Frost put an end to everything over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Webb "are all smiles". It's a girl, Brandy Michelle, 6 lbs. 8 ozs. Born at Va. Baptist Hospital on October 11th.

Earl Shelton had surgery last week. A speedy recovery is wished him.

Get well wishes go out to Mr. Monroe Webb who had his leg amputated last week.

Ronnie Richardson of Blacksburg arrived Friday night to spend the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Richardson and Mike.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ranson of West Virginia spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Ranson of Pamplin.

Some went up on the Blue Ridge Park Wednesday. Their trip was cut short on account of the unexpected early snow.

Congratulations to Jane Almond who won 5th place in the Miss Appomattox Pageant at Appomattox High School on Saturday night.

A number from here attended the 7th Railroad Festival over the weekend.

Donald Almond was buried at Reedy Springs Church last Saturday morning instead of at Concord Methodist Church as stated in the paper. I regret the error.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Roach who celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary Monday, October 15, 1979.

Beginning next Sunday night at 6:30 special events in Training Union. This will last for six weeks. Two groups discussion will be held. Gene Richardson will lead the subject; The Bible Speaks to Current Issues and Your Home and Christian Disciplines led by Louise Roach. Plan to be here each Sunday night.

All Boys: Kindergarden thru Grade 12 come to RA's Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. New Leaders. All men 18 and up come to Brotherhood.

Annual Associational meeting on Thursday night at Midway Church at 7:30 p.m. Friday night at Providence Church at 7:30 p.m.

Remember the time change on October 27th. Turn your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night or early Sunday morning. Be on time for church.

The Liturgical Singers, a group of High School Singers of the Choral Department of Appomattox High School under the direction of Shelby S. Shelton gave a most delightful entertainment at Pamplin Methodist Church on Thursday night. The performance was free.

The Prayer Time Circle will meet with Joan Routt on Tuesday at 1 p.m.

History of W.M.U. at Reedy Springs Church, October 27, 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Bring bag lunch. Plan to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore attended Homecoming at Evergreen Methodist Church on Sunday.

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Career Unit at Appomattox Middle School

The 7th grade social studies classes are presently studying hobbies and interests in preparation of an exploration of careers. The career exploration unit in 7th grade social studies is a part of the Title IV-C Career Guidance Program now in its third year at AMS. The purpose of this career exploration unit is to allow students to explore various careers of interest to them.

Shown here are two students who are explaining their hobbies to Mrs. Dorety's social studies class.

1. Cathy Robertson displays her shell collection.
2. Sonny Caldwell explains his interest in models as a hobby.

The students seem to enjoy this activity. The clothes of these students are a part of the week long celebration of the Railroad Festival at AMS.

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY ladies shown here assisted Mr. Harold Wyatt, owner of most of the War Between States Relics on display during the Historic Railroad Festival week end. From left to right, Mrs. Otho W. Martin, Jr., Mrs. Alton Moore, Miss Mamie Cullop, Mrs. Lucille Ferrell, Mrs. Harriet Cunningham and Mr. Wyatt.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones owners and operators of A. J. Skate World are donating the rinks for the Skate-a-Thon and a pledge of $5.00 or more entitles a skater to free entry.

Interested skaters may pick up Sponsor Forms from any of the Appomattox County Public Schools or from A. J. Skate World. Skaters under 18 years of age must have their Sponsor Form signed by a parent or guardian. Skaters are asked to bring completed Sponsor Forms with them to registration on the day of the event.

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